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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) declined 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in December to a level of 141.9 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in December, the CPI-U increased 2.9 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) was unchanged in December prior to seasonal adjustment. The December 1992 CPI-W level of 139.8 was 2.9 percent higher than the index in December 1991.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in December, following a 0.2 percent increase in November. The food index, which was unchanged in each of the 2 preceding months, rose 0.2 percent in December. Offsetting this advance was a 0.6 percent decline in the energy index. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in December, following increases of 0.5 and 0.3 percent in October and November, respectively. This moderation largely reflected a downturn in the apparel index.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. '92	
	Changes from preceding month								Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Dec. '92
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
All items	.3	.1	.3	.2	.4	.2	.1	2.9	2.9
Food and beverages	.1	-.1	.7	.4	.1	-.1	.3	1.2	1.6
Housing	.4	.1	.1	.1	.4	.2	.1	2.9	2.6
Apparel and upkeep	-.2	-.2	.0	.2	.3	.1	-.9	-2.1	1.4
Transportation	.5	.5	-.1	.0	.6	.5	-.1	4.2	3.0
Medical care	.4	.5	.4	.5	.6	.4	.5	6.2	6.6
Entertainment	.0	.3	.1	.4	.2	.1	.1	1.7	2.8
Other goods and services	.2	.4	.7	.5	.8	.3	.8	7.7	6.5
Special indexes:									
Energy	2.0	.3	-.2	.0	.5	.8	-.6	2.7	2.0
Food	.1	-.1	.9	.4	.0	.0	.2	.9	1.5
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.2	.5	.3	.1	3.3	3.3

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For the 12 month period ended in December, the CPI-U advanced 2.9 percent. This compares with a 3.1 percent increase in 1991 and was the smallest annual change since a 1.1 percent rise in 1986. While the overall increases in 1991 and 1992 were similar, the composition was notably different. The deceleration in 1991 was largely a result of the downturn in petroleum-based energy prices, which had escalated sharply following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. In 1992, energy prices turned back up, albeit at a moderate rate. The upturn in gasoline prices was responsible for the larger increase in the transportation component. Each of the other seven major expenditure groups, however, rose less in 1992 than during the preceding year. The food index, which in 1991 had recorded its smallest advance since a 0.5 percent increase in 1976, slowed further in 1992. The 3.4 percent rise in this component over the past 2 years was the smallest since the 2-year period ended in December 1963.

A notable aspect of the performance of the CPI-U in 1992 was the deceleration in the index for all items less food and energy. The 3.3 percent advance follows a 4.4 percent rise in 1991, and was the smallest increase in this index since a 3.0 percent rise in 1972, a period of price controls. The slowdown in 1992 was evident in both commodity and service prices, with the index for services less energy accounting for slightly more than half of the deceleration in the index for all items less food and energy. The smaller increase in rent of shelter--up 2.9 percent in 1992, following a 3.9 percent rise in 1991--accounted for two-thirds of the service deceleration. The slowdown in prices for apparel commodities and alcoholic beverages were responsible for about two-thirds of the deceleration in the index for commodities less food and energy. The rates for selected groups during the past 9 years are shown below.

	Percent changes 12 months ended in December								
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
All Items	3.9	3.8	1.1	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9
Food and beverages	3.8	2.8	3.7	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6
Housing	4.3	4.3	1.7	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6
Apparel and upkeep	2.0	2.8	.9	4.8	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4
Transportation	3.1	2.6	-5.9	6.1	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0
Medical care	6.1	6.8	7.7	5.8	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6
Entertainment	4.2	3.1	3.4	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8
Other goods and services	6.0	6.3	5.5	6.1	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5
Special indexes:									
Energy	.2	1.8	-19.7	8.2	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0
Food	3.8	2.6	3.8	3.5	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5
All Items less food and energy	4.7	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3

The food and beverage index rose 0.3 percent in December to a level 1.6 percent above a year ago. This compares with an increase of 2.5 percent in 1991. The moderation in 1992 reflects smaller increases in the indexes for food away from home and alcoholic beverages. Grocery store food prices increased 1.5 percent in 1992 after advancing 1.3 percent in 1991. In December, grocery store food prices increased 0.3 percent after decreasing 0.1 percent in November. The index for fruits and vegetables, which declined in both October and November, turned up in December, advancing 1.1 percent. A sharp increase in fresh vegetable prices more than offset declines in the indexes for fresh fruits and processed fruits and vegetables. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and other food at home also contributed to the December grocery store food increase, turning up in December after falling in November. Prices for dairy products, however, fell for the second month in a row. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.2 percent in December. Beef prices fell slightly in December, but rose 0.8 percent during the past 12 months. The index for pork rose 0.6 percent over the month, but remained 0.9 percent lower than at the end of 1991. Poultry prices rose slightly in December to a level 2.7 percent above a year ago. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.1 and 0.3 percent, respectively, in December. The 1.4 percent advance in the index for restaurant meals in the past 12 months was the smallest increase in this component since a similar one in 1964. The 2.9 percent increase in prices for alcoholic beverages in 1992 compares with a 9.9 percent rise in the preceding year, which resulted in part from the increase in the Federal excise tax at the beginning of 1991.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in December, following a 0.2 percent increase in November. While all three major housing groups contributed to the smaller December increase, most of the deceleration was due to a downturn in the index for household fuels and other utilities. The index for household fuels declined 0.5 percent, as decreases in the indexes for fuel oil and natural gas--down 4.2 and 1.8 percent, respectively--more than offset a 0.6 percent increase in charges for electricity. During the 12 months ended in December, fuel oil prices have declined 3.4 percent, while charges for natural gas and electricity rose 5.1 and 1.7 percent, respectively. Shelter costs rose 0.1 percent in December, with a 0.3 percent increase in homeowners' costs more than offsetting small declines in the indexes for renters' costs and maintenance and repair costs. The 0.1 percent drop in renters' costs reflects a 0.5 percent decline in the index for lodging while out of town. Residential rents rose 0.1 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations fell 0.3 percent in December, following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the 2 preceding months.

Transportation costs declined in December, following increases of 0.6 and 0.5 percent in October and November, respectively. About 40 percent of the deceleration between November and December was due to a downturn in the index for motor fuels. Gasoline prices fell 0.9 percent and, as of December, were 14.8 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. A decrease in automobile purchase costs also contributed to the decline in the transportation component. The index for new vehicles fell 0.2 percent and automobile finance charges dropped 1.6 percent. Used car prices, which had risen 10.2 percent in the preceding 8 months, declined 0.8 percent in December. During the past 12 months, prices for new vehicles and used cars rose 2.3 and 7.4 percent, respectively, while automobile finance charges fell 13.9 percent. The index for public transportation rose 0.5 percent in December, largely as a result of an increase in airline fares. After declining in 1991 and throughout most of 1992, airline fares turned up sharply in the fourth quarter and were 6.6 percent higher in December 1992 than a year ago.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined 0.9 percent in December, after advancing slightly in November. Holiday discounting was prevalent with the sharpest declines in women's and girls' clothing. During the 12 months ended in December, prices for apparel commodities rose 1.2 percent, substantially less than the 3.4 percent increase in 1991.

The medical care component increased 0.5 percent in December to a level 6.6 percent above a year ago. This compares with a 7.9 percent rise in 1991. The smaller but still substantial increase in 1992 was largely a result of the moderation in the index for prescription drugs--up 5.7 percent in 1992 after advancing 9.4 percent in 1991. The index for medical care services rose 0.5 percent in December and 7.0 percent during the past 12 months. Charges for professional services rose 5.7 percent in 1992, and hospital and related services increased 8.8 percent.

Entertainment costs increased 0.1 percent in December, the same as in the preceding month. Increases in the prices for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events and in reading materials more than offset declines in the indexes for toys, hobbies, and music equipment and sporting goods and equipment.

The other goods and services index advanced 0.8 percent in December to a level 6.5 percent above a year ago. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 1.5 percent and accounted for about half of the monthly advance. During the past 12 months, increases in the indexes for tobacco products and tuition and other school fees--up 8.1 and 8.5 percent, respectively--accounted for over three-fourths of the annual increase in the other goods and services component.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers also rose 0.1 percent in December.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Dec. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. '92
	Changes from preceding month								
	1992								
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
All items	.3	.2	.4	.1	.4	.2	.1	2.6	2.9
Food and beverages	.1	-.1	.7	.4	.1	-.1	.4	1.7	1.6
Housing	.4	.1	.1	.1	.4	.3	.1	3.0	2.6
Apparel and upkeep	-.2	.0	.4	-.2	.3	.1	-.9	-2.1	1.6
Transportation	.6	.6	.0	.0	.6	.4	-.2	2.9	3.0
Medical care	.5	.6	.4	.5	.5	.5	.5	6.0	6.8
Entertainment	.0	.4	.1	.3	.2	.2	.0	1.7	2.7
Other goods and services	.1	.4	.7	.6	.8	.2	.7	6.8	6.4
Special indexes:									
Energy	1.9	.4	-.3	-.1	.5	1.0	-.7	3.1	1.9
Food	.1	-.1	.7	.4	.1	-.1	.4	1.5	1.5
All items less food and energy	.1	.3	.3	.1	.5	.2	.1	3.1	3.2

Consumer Price Index data for January will be released on Thursday, February 18, 1993, 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2414, September 1992.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

In most cases, seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1987 through 1991 were replaced at the end of 1991. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases.

An alternative to the intervention-adjusted X-11-ARIMA procedure is the state space model-based seasonal adjustment method. This method adjusts simultaneously for interventions and seasonal effects, rather than sequentially as in the X-11-ARIMA methodology, using structural statistical models with explanatory variables. The state space structural model-based method of seasonal adjustment was introduced in 1992 for the adjustment of January 1991-December 1991 indexes for three Women's apparel series: Dresses, Separates and sportswear, and Suits.

A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202)606-6968.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group
(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes Nov. 1992	Dec. 1992	Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 1991	Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1992	Seasonally adjusted percent change from Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	142.0	141.9	2.9	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	425.3	425.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.627	139.1	139.5	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.3
Food	16.007	139.1	139.5	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.3
Food at home	9.921	137.0	137.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Cereals and bakery products 1/	4.426	155.7	155.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	0.030	131.8	132.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Dairy products 1/	2.229	129.7	129.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.854	125.4	125.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other food at home	1.382	128.4	128.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sugar and sweets 1/	0.344	133.0	133.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fats and oils 1/	0.260	128.5	128.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	0.739	131.7	131.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other prepared food	1.019	140.6	140.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food away from home 1/	6.085	141.0	141.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.621	148.3	148.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housing	41.544	138.5	138.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shelter	21.894	138.5	138.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Renters' costs	8.003	140.3	140.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent, residential	8.835	148.6	148.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other renters' costs	0.168	128.3	128.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Homeowners' costs 2/	0.603	137.7	137.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	0.303	135.7	135.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household insurance 1/ 2/	0.177	129.9	129.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair 1/	0.208	129.9	129.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair services 1/	0.125	134.8	134.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	0.083	122.3	122.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel and other utilities	2.317	108.2	108.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuels	4.057	108.2	108.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	0.419	92.1	91.8	-3.1	-0.3	0.5	-0.5	-2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.638	114.8	115.6	2.8	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2
Other utilities and public services 1/	3.270	143.7	143.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings and operation 1/	6.323	118.5	118.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings 1/	3.699	109.7	109.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping supplies 1/	1.154	130.2	130.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping services 1/	1.469	134.0	134.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel and upkeep	6.097	134.5	134.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel commodities	5.535	132.5	132.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men's and boys' apparel	0.451	128.6	128.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women's and girls' apparel	0.178	121.7	121.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	0.100	126.0	126.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Footwear	0.800	142.7	142.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other apparel commodities 1/	0.550	142.7	142.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel services 1/	0.562	149.7	149.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation	17.013	129.2	129.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Private transportation	15.423	129.2	129.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
New vehicles	5.032	130.4	130.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Used cars	4.055	129.7	129.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Motor fuel	1.139	102.9	102.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gasoline	0.704	102.9	102.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repairs 1/	1.520	142.8	142.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation commodities	4.533	155.3	155.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation services	0.678	104.7	104.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public transportation 1/	3.855	166.8	167.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public transportation 1/	1.490	157.4	157.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care	6.689	194.3	194.7	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care commodities	5.124	190.4	190.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care services	0.433	195.7	195.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Professional medical services	3.213	179.7	179.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment 1/	4.357	143.7	143.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment commodities 1/	3.026	142.1	142.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment services 1/	1.330	145.4	145.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other goods and services	6.674	188.0	189.1	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tobacco and smoking products	1.887	134.9	134.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care 1/	1.887	134.9	134.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	0.632	136.9	137.8	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care services 1/	1.255	141.1	141.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational expenses	3.222	201.2	201.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
School books and supplies	1.479	204.4	204.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational services	3.779	204.4	204.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	142.0	141.9	2.9	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
Commodities	44.487	139.1	139.5	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.3
Food and beverages	17.627	139.1	139.5	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.3
Commodities less food and beverages	26.860	138.5	138.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durables less food and beverages 1/	17.844	137.0	137.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel commodities	5.535	132.5	132.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	10.689	130.1	130.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durables	10.636	120.0	120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	10.513	194.3	194.7	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent of shelter 1/	8.915	131.0	131.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	0.864	138.8	138.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation services	0.633	141.1	141.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care services	0.433	195.7	195.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other services	0.037	172.8	172.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.373	142.0	141.9	2.9	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items less shelter	82.373	142.0	141.9	2.9	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	93.177	142.0	141.9	2.9	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items less medical care	93.177	142.0	141.9	2.9	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
Commodities less food	28.860	138.5	138.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durables less food 1/	17.844	137.0	137.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durables less food and apparel 1/	10.689	130.1	130.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	10.636	120.0	120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less rent of shelter 2/	8.080	138.8	138.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less medical care services	7.781	141.1	141.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy	7.781	141.1	141.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less energy	94.219	142.0	141.9	2.9	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items less food and energy	84.538	142.0	141.9	2.9	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.757	134.2	134.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy commodities	3.757	134.2	134.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less energy services	5.176	194.3	194.7	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	8.704	8.705	-2.8	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
1982=84=100 1/	-	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-	-
1967=81.00 1/	-	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 1A. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Expenditure category	Annual average 1991	Annual average 1992	Percent change from 1991 to 1992
All items	136.2	140.3	3.0
All items (1967=100)	408.0	420.3	3.0
Food and beverages	133.8	138.7	3.7
Food	133.8	137.9	3.0
Food at home	133.8	136.8	2.3
Cereals and bakery products	133.8	135.5	1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	133.8	135.5	1.3
Dairy products	133.8	135.5	1.3
Fruits and vegetables	133.8	135.5	1.3
Other food at home	133.8	135.5	1.3
Sugar and sweets	133.8	135.5	1.3
Fats and oils	133.8	135.5	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	133.8	135.5	1.3
Other prepared food	133.8	135.5	1.3
Food away from home	133.8	140.3	4.9
Alcoholic beverages	133.8	140.3	4.9
Housing	133.8	137.5	2.8
Shelter	133.8	137.5	2.8
Renters' costs 1/	133.8	137.5	2.8
Rent, residential	133.8	137.5	2.8
Other renters' costs	133.8	137.5	2.8
Homeowners' costs 1/	133.8	137.5	2.8
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	133.8	137.5	2.8
Household insurance 1/	133.8	137.5	2.8
Maintenance and repair services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Maintenance and repair commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Fuel and other utilities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Fuels	133.8	137.5	2.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel	133.8	137.5	2.8
Commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	133.8	137.5	2.8
Other utilities and public services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Household furnishings and operation	133.8	137.5	2.8
Household furnishings	133.8	137.5	2.8
Housekeeping supplies	133.8	137.5	2.8
Housekeeping services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	133.8	137.5	2.8
Apparel commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Men's and boys' apparel	133.8	137.5	2.8
Women's and girls' apparel	133.8	137.5	2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	133.8	137.5	2.8
Footwear	133.8	137.5	2.8
Other apparel commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Apparel services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Transportation	133.8	137.5	2.8
Private transportation	133.8	137.5	2.8
New vehicles	133.8	137.5	2.8
Used cars	133.8	137.5	2.8
Motor fuel	133.8	137.5	2.8
Gasoline	133.8	137.5	2.8
Maintenance and repairs	133.8	137.5	2.8
Other private transportation	133.8	137.5	2.8
Other private transportation commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Other private transportation services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Public transportation	133.8	137.5	2.8
Medical care	133.8	137.5	2.8
Medical care commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Medical care services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Professional medical services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Entertainment	133.8	137.5	2.8
Entertainment commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Entertainment services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Other goods and services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Tobacco and smoking products	133.8	137.5	2.8
Personal care	133.8	137.5	2.8
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	133.8	137.5	2.8
Personal care services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Personal and educational expenses	133.8	137.5	2.8
School books and supplies	133.8	137.5	2.8
Personal and educational services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Commodity and service group	133.8	137.5	2.8
All items	133.8	137.5	2.8
Commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Food and beverages	133.8	137.5	2.8
Commodities less food and beverages	133.8	137.5	2.8
Durables less food and beverages	133.8	137.5	2.8
Apparel commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Durables less food, beverages, and apparel	133.8	137.5	2.8
Durables	133.8	137.5	2.8
Services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Rent of shelter 1/	133.8	137.5	2.8
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	133.8	137.5	2.8
Transportation services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Medical care services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Other services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Special indexes	133.8	137.5	2.8
All items less food	133.8	137.5	2.8
All items less shelter	133.8	137.5	2.8
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	133.8	137.5	2.8
All items less medical care	133.8	137.5	2.8
Commodities less food	133.8	137.5	2.8
Durables less food	133.8	137.5	2.8
Durables less food and apparel	133.8	137.5	2.8
Durables less food, beverages, and apparel	133.8	137.5	2.8
Services less rent of shelter 1/	133.8	137.5	2.8
Services less medical care services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Energy	133.8	137.5	2.8
All items less energy	133.8	137.5	2.8
All items less food and energy	133.8	137.5	2.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Energy commodities	133.8	137.5	2.8
Services less energy services	133.8	137.5	2.8
Percentage power of the consumer dollar	133.8	137.5	2.8
1967=100	133.8	137.5	2.8

1/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
Data not available.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Sept-1992	Oct-1992	Nov-1992	Dec-1992	Mar-1993	3 months ended-1992	6 months ended-1992	9 months ended-1992	12 months ended-1992	
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.5	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.1	2.7
Food and beverages	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Food	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Food at home	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Cereals and bakery products	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Dairy products	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Fruits and vegetables	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other food at home	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Sugar and sweeteners	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Fats and oils	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other prepared food	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Food away from home	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Alcoholic beverages	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Housing	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Shelter	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Owners' costs	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Renters' costs	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other renters' costs	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Houseowners' costs	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Owners' equivalent rent	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Household insurance	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Maintenance and repairs	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Maintenance and repair commodities	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Maintenance and repair services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Fuel and other utilities	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Fuels	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	92.9	93.4	92.9	90.3	-18.7	14.8	6.3	-10.7	-3.4	-3.6
Other utilities and public services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Household furnishings and operations	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Household furnishings	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Housekeeping supplies	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Housekeeping services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Apparel and upkeep	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Apparel commodities	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Men's and boys' apparel	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Women's and girls' apparel	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Footwear	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other apparel commodities	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Apparel services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Transportation	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Private transportation	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
New vehicles	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Used cars	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Motor fuel	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Gasoline	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Maintenance and repairs	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other private transportation	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other private transportation commodities	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other private transportation services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Public transportation	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Medical care	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Medical care commodities	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Medical care services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Professional medical services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Entertainment	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Entertainment commodities	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Entertainment services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other goods and services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Personal care	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Personal care services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Personal and educational expenses	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
School books and supplies	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Personal and educational services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Commodity and service group										
All items	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Commodities	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Food and beverages	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Commodities less food and beverages	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Non-durable less food and beverages	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Durable less food and beverages	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Shelter	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Household services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Transportation services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Medical care services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Special indexes										
All items less food	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
All items less shelter	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
All items less householders' costs	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Commodities less food	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Non-durable less food	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Durable less food	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Services less medical care services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
All items less energy	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Commodities less food and energy	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Commodities	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Services less energy services	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
 2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
 3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to			Percent change to		
		Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Dec. 1992	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992
U.S. city average	M	141.3	141.8	142.0	141.9	2.9	0.1	-0.1	3.0	0.5	0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size A - More than 1,000,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
North Central urban	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size A - More than 1,000,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
South urban	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size A - More than 1,000,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
West urban	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size A - More than 1,000,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Size classes											
A 3/	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
B	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
C	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Baltimore, MD	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Houston-Galveston-Granger, TX	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	M	142.8	143.2	143.5	143.4	3.1	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.6	0.1

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their statistical analyses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group
(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W		Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes Nov. 1992	Dec. 1992	Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 1992 from Dec. 1991	Nov. 1992	Seasonally adjusted percent change from Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category									
All items		100.000	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items (1982=100)		-	416.5	416.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages		30.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Food		28.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Food at home		24.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Cereals and cereal products		1.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs		8.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Dairy products		4.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Fruits and vegetables		3.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Other food at home		7.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Food and beverages away from home		2.0	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Alcoholic beverages		0.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Housing		33.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Shelter		28.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Shelter costs		28.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Rent, residential		28.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Other shelter costs		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Owners' equivalent rent		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Household insurance		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Maintenance and repairs		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Maintenance and repair services		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Maintenance and repair commodities		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Fuel and other utilities		2.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Fuels		1.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Electricity		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Gas		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Water		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Other utilities and public services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Household furnishings and operation		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Household furnishings		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Housekeeping supplies		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Housekeeping services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Apparel and upkeep		3.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Apparel commodities		3.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Men's and boys' apparel		1.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Women's and girls' apparel		1.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Footwear		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Other apparel commodities		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Apparel services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Transportation		18.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Private transportation		17.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
New vehicles		4.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Used cars		4.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Used trucks		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Motor fuel		4.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Gasoline		4.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Maintenance and repairs		3.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Other private transportation		3.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Other private transportation commodities		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Other private transportation services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Public transportation		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Medical care		5.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Medical care commodities		5.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Medical care services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Professional medical services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Entertainment		4.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Entertainment commodities		4.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Entertainment services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Other goods and services		6.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Tobacco and smoking products		1.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Personal care		4.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Toilet goods and personal care commodities		4.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Personal care services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Personal and educational expenses		3.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
School books and supplies		3.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Personal and educational services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Commodity and service group									
All items		100.000	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Commodities		85.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Food and beverages		30.5	138.8	138.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Commodities less food and beverages		54.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Services		14.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Apparel commodities		3.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Durable less food, beverages, and apparel		11.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Services		11.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Rent of shelter		28.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Household services less rent of shelter		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Transportation services		0.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Medical care services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Other services		0.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Special indexes									
All items less food		69.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items less shelter		71.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items less household insurance		71.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items less medical care		95.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Commodities less food		54.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Durable less food and beverages		43.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Durable less food and apparel		42.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Services less rent of shelter		11.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Services less medical care services		14.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Energy commodities		2.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Energy commodities		2.0	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Services less energy services		12.5	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar									

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
4/ Indexes as a December 1984=100 base.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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Table JA. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W		Annual average 1991	Annual average 1992	Percent change from 1991 to 1992
Expenditure category				
All items	134.3	138.2	2.9	
All items (1967=100)	399.9	411.5	2.9	
Food and beverages	136.5	138.3	1.3	
Food	136.0	137.5	0.7	
Food at home	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Cereals and bakery products	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Dairy products	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Fruits and vegetables	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Other food at home	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Sugar and sweets	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Fats and oils	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Nonalcoholic beverages	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Other prepared food	135.7	137.2	0.6	
Food away from home	136.5	140.8	3.0	
Alcoholic beverages	142.6	147.0	3.1	
Housing	131.2	135.0	2.9	
Shelter	142.5	147.3	3.4	
Renters' costs 1/	136.9	141.3	3.2	
Rent, residential	142.9	146.7	3.1	
Other renters' costs	175.0	185.3	5.9	
Homeowners' costs 1/	136.9	141.3	3.2	
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	137.1	137.7	0.4	
Household insurance 1/	136.7	136.7	0.0	
Maintenance and repairs	137.8	139.0	0.9	
Maintenance and repair services	133.4	136.8	2.5	
Maintenance and repair commodities	119.6	120.4	0.7	
Fuel and other utilities	114.9	117.3	2.1	
Fuels	106.1	107.7	1.5	
Fuel oil and other household fuel	94.4	98.6	4.5	
Commodities	131.4	134.3	2.2	
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	131.4	134.3	2.2	
Other utilities and public services	131.4	134.3	2.2	
Household furnishings and operation	131.4	134.3	2.2	
Housefurnishings	104.5	107.8	3.1	
Housekeeping supplies	129.4	130.7	1.0	
Housekeeping services	129.0	133.7	3.6	
Apparel and upkeep	127.4	130.7	2.6	
Apparel commodities	125.2	128.3	2.5	
Men's and boys' apparel	125.2	128.3	2.5	
Women's and girls' apparel	125.2	128.3	2.5	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	125.2	128.3	2.5	
Footwear	125.2	128.3	2.5	
Other apparel commodities	125.2	128.3	2.5	
Apparel services	142.3	147.6	3.7	
Transportation	123.1	125.8	2.2	
Private transportation	121.7	124.4	2.2	
New vehicles	126.2	128.6	1.9	
Used cars	126.2	128.6	1.9	
Used trucks	126.2	128.6	1.9	
Motor fuel	99.6	99.0	-0.6	
Gasoline	99.6	99.0	-0.6	
Maintenance and repairs	136.4	141.8	3.9	
Other private transportation	146.4	149.9	2.4	
Other private transportation commodities	103.5	104.2	0.7	
Other private transportation services	156.6	160.9	2.8	
Public transportation	146.6	150.0	2.3	
Medical care	176.5	189.4	7.3	
Medical care commodities	173.4	180.3	4.0	
Medical care services	176.7	190.3	4.7	
Professional medical services	166.1	176.3	6.1	
Entertainment	136.9	140.8	2.8	
Entertainment commodities	128.7	129.7	0.8	
Entertainment services	150.4	151.1	0.5	
Other goods and services	171.7	183.3	6.7	
Tobacco and smoking products	182.5	187.7	2.8	
Personal care	134.7	136.6	1.4	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	132.9	137.7	3.6	
Personal care services	136.7	140.0	2.4	
Personal and educational expenses	161.8	164.3	1.5	
School books and supplies	160.0	160.9	0.6	
Personal and educational services	163.2	169.9	4.1	
Commodity and service group				
All items	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Commodities	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Food and beverages	136.5	138.3	1.3	
Commodities less food and beverages	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Durable goods less food and beverages	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Apparel commodities	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Durable goods less food, beverages, and apparel	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Services	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Rent of shelter 1/	136.9	141.3	3.2	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	136.9	141.3	3.2	
Transportation services	123.1	125.8	2.2	
Medical care services	176.5	189.4	7.3	
Other services	157.8	169.9	7.7	
Special indexes				
All items less food	134.3	138.2	2.9	
All items less shelter	134.3	138.2	2.9	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	134.3	138.2	2.9	
All items less medical care	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Commodities less food	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Durable goods less food	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Durable goods less food and apparel	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Durable goods	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Services less rent of shelter 1/	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Services less medical care services	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Energy	134.3	138.2	2.9	
All items less energy	134.3	138.2	2.9	
All items less food and energy	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Energy commodities	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Services less energy services	134.3	138.2	2.9	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:				
1982-84=100	0.745	0.734	-1.5	
1967-81=100	.250	.243	-2.8	

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
Data not available.

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Table. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity, 1982-84-100, unless otherwise noted

(1982-84-100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1983	3 months ended-1982	3 months ended-1983	Dec. 1982	6 months ended-1982	6 months ended-1983
All items	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.8
Food and beverages	139.3	139.5	139.4	139.9	139.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food at home	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Cereals and bakery products 1/	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Dairy products 1/	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Fruits and vegetables	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Other food at home	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Sugar and sweets 1/	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Fats and oils 1/	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Nonalcoholic beverages	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Other prepared food	138.8	139.0	138.9	139.4	139.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home 1/	141.4	141.0	141.1	141.3	141.3	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	147.4	148.0	148.3	148.6	148.6	-	-	-	-	-
Housing	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Shelter	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Renters' costs 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Rent, residential	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other renters' costs	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Homeowners' costs 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Household insurance 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair services 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel and other utilities	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel, oil and other household fuel	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	92.8	93.2	92.6	90.9	-20.8	13.8	7.7	-7.9	-5.1	-
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other utilities and public services 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings and operation 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping supplies 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping services 1/	135.3	135.5	135.4	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel and upkeep	130.9	131.3	131.1	131.6	131.6	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities	130.9	131.3	131.1	131.6	131.6	-	-	-	-	-
Men's and boys' apparel	130.9	131.3	131.1	131.6	131.6	-	-	-	-	-
Women's and girls' apparel	130.9	131.3	131.1	131.6	131.6	-	-	-	-	-
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	130.9	131.3	131.1	131.6	131.6	-	-	-	-	-
Footwear	130.9	131.3	131.1	131.6	131.6	-	-	-	-	-
Other apparel commodities 1/	130.9	131.3	131.1	131.6	131.6	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel services 1/	130.9	131.3	131.1	131.6	131.6	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
New cars	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Used cars	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs 1/	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation commodities 1/	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation services	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Public transportation 1/	126.7	127.4	127.1	127.6	127.6	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	129.1	129.4	129.2	129.7	129.7	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care commodities	129.1	129.4	129.2	129.7	129.7	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care services	129.1	129.4	129.2	129.7	129.7	-	-	-	-	-
Professional medical services	129.1	129.4	129.2	129.7	129.7	-	-	-	-	-
Entertainment 1/	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Entertainment commodities 1/	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Entertainment services 1/	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco and smoking products	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Personal care 1/	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Toilet goods and personal care	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Optician 1/	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Personal care services 1/	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational expenses	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
School books and supplies	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational services	124.1	124.5	124.3	124.8	124.8	-	-	-	-	-
Commodity and service group	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages 1/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less apparel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less apparel 1/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special indexes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All items less food	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All items less shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food 1/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food less apparel 1/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food less apparel 1/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services less rent of shelter 1/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services less medical care services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and energy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and energy 1/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services less energy services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1984-100 base.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index (1982-84-100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Dec. 1992 from-			Percent change to Nov. 1992 from-		
		Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Dec. 1992	Dec. 1991	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Nov. 1991	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992
U.S. city average	N	139.1	139.6	139.8	139.8	2.9	0.1	0.0	2.9	0.5	0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban	N	146.6	146.9	147.1	146.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Size A - More than 1,300,000	N	146.6	146.9	147.1	146.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Size B - 300,000 to 1,300,000	N	146.6	146.9	147.1	146.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000	N	146.6	146.9	147.1	146.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
North Central urban	N	134.6	134.7	135.0	135.1	1.1	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.1
Size A - More than 1,300,000	N	134.6	134.7	135.0	135.1	1.1	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.1
Size B - 300,000 to 1,300,000	N	134.6	134.7	135.0	135.1	1.1	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000	N	134.6	134.7	135.0	135.1	1.1	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.1
South urban	N	131.5	132.1	132.7	132.2	2.5	1.1	0.4	2.4	0.9	0.5
Size A - More than 1,300,000	N	131.5	132.1	132.7	132.2	2.5	1.1	0.4	2.4	0.9	0.5
Size B - 300,000 to 1,300,000	N	131.5	132.1	132.7	132.2	2.5	1.1	0.4	2.4	0.9	0.5
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000	N	131.5	132.1	132.7	132.2	2.5	1.1	0.4	2.4	0.9	0.5
West urban	N	135.0	136.2	136.4	136.7	3.0	0.4	0.3	2.9	1.0	1.1
Size A - More than 1,300,000	N	135.0	136.2	136.4	136.7	3.0	0.4	0.3	2.9	1.0	1.1
Size B - 300,000 to 1,300,000	N	135.0	136.2	136.4	136.7	3.0	0.4	0.3	2.9	1.0	1.1
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000	N	135.0	136.2	136.4	136.7	3.0	0.4	0.3	2.9	1.0	1.1
Size classes											
A 3/	N	137.9	138.0	138.0	138.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
B	N	137.9	138.0	138.0	138.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
C	N	137.9	138.0	138.0	138.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	N	138.0	137.7	138.0	138.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	N	142.1	142.1	142.1	142.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	N	142.1	142.1	142.1	142.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE	N	142.1	142.1	142.1	142.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	N	142.1	142.1	142.1	142.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Baltimore, MD	N	141.6	141.6	141.6	141.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	N	141.6	141.6	141.6	141.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	N	141.6	141.6	141.6	141.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	N	141.6	141.6	141.6	141.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	N	141.6	141.6	141.6	141.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Washington, DC-MD-VA	N	141.6	141.6	141.6	141.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	N	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	N	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Houston-Saltwater-Springer, TX	N	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Pittsburgh-Butter Valley, PA	N	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

N - Every month.
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
3/ Indexes on a December 1982-100 base.

NOTE: Data not available.
Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their cost-of-living studies.

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